

# OFMC Wraps Up Its ARRA Era With Dedication of Two Indian Affairs Replacement School Projects

*Using ARRA funds, OFMC Built [Crow Creek Tribal School](#) in South Dakota with National Park Service help.*

*Funding for [Kaibeto Boarding School](#) in Arizona stemmed from OFMC's ARRA cost savings.*

The last of some 109 projects are being completed by OFMC utilizing funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The majority of projects involved Bureau of Indian Education schools and dormitories. However, OFMC used ARRA funds to improve Office of Justice Service detention centers, renovate Land Mobile Radio sites and upgrade employee quarters.

Prior to 2009, OFMC had ramped up its Division of Planning and used FMIS to develop a backlog of project requests across Indian Country. So OFMC was in a unique position to move quickly in implementing the Recovery Act. In fact, OFMC's prompt action was noted at the time by the Department of the Interior. For example, the [Rough Rock Community School](#) replacement project in Arizona was under construction within a year of OFMC receiving ARRA funds, and it opened two years later, in 2011.

Meanwhile, an Indian Affairs ARRA-funded project—the [St. Francis Indian School](#) gymnasium and kitchen in South Dakota—was featured as the Department's 4,000th ARRA project.

Another highlight of OFMC's four-year, ARRA-funded construction and repair and improvement program is the unanticipated funding of the [Kaibeto Boarding School](#) replacement project. After the many ARRA-funded projects were well underway, the Kaibeto project in Arizona came to the fore due to OFMC's aggressive management of the other Recovery Act's construction projects, through which OFMC saved \$33 million, or 11 percent, of the BIA's construction allocation under the Recovery Act. Some of these other projects were bid at below the government estimate, thereby making ARRA funds available for the replacement of Kaibeto, along with other projects.



*School bus loading stations at Kaibeto Boarding School.*



*Crow Creek Tribal School.*



*Rough Rock High School dormitory courtyard.*



*Gymnasium at St. Francis Indian School.*